

of my own heart and they counsel me to join the ranks of our chivalrous soldiers now battling and dying for our independence. I feel that one who has done as much as myself to inaugurate the present momentous and sanguinary struggle should take a greater part than has hitherto been allotted to my share in its dangers, privation, and hardships.

Permit me to say that I trust your stay at the Capitol will be pleasant—that harmony may prevail in your counsels and deliberations and great good results to the country from your action.

Having performed your necessary labors, I trust you may safely return to your homes and families, enjoying happiness and prosperity.

(signed)

F. R. Lubbock

On motion, the Senate returned to their Chamber. Roll called. Quorum present.

On Mr. Burney's motion, an adjournment was carried until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Friday, February 6, 1863

9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met—prayer by the chaplain—roll called—quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Harcourt, chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a Bill to authorize the Supreme Court of the State for the Galveston District to hold its spring term at the city of Austin and recommended its passage.

Mr. Maxey introduced a Joint Resolution requesting the President to place General [Sterling C.] Price in command of the Trans-Mississippi District and to send the Texas troops west of the Mississippi River. Read 1st time.

Mr. Maxey also introduced a Bill to appropriate land to the Texas officers and soldiers in the war with the United States. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Casey offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Finance Committee be and they are hereby requested to inquire into the expedience and practicability of the State purchasing 30,000 pair of cotton cards to be distributed in the different counties in the State in proportion

to the families in each county at a price to the families not exceeding the cost to the State and that they report by bill or otherwise at an early day." Mr. Guinn suggested the following amendment: "and 10,000 pair of woollen cards." Accepted and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Harcourt introduced a Bill to repeal an act to perfect the organization of the State troops and place the same on a war footing approved 25 December 1861. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to committee on military affairs.

Mr. Guinn introduced a Bill to punish certain offences therein named—Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Durant introduced a Joint Resolution expressive of the Sense of this Legislature in relation to the ultimate redemption of the Confederate notes. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. White introduced a bill to levy a special tax for the relief of soldier's families. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dickson offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Committee on Printing be required to procure 500 copies of the Governor's message for the use of the Senate." Adopted.

Mr. Quayle introduced a bill to punish extortion. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. White introduced a bill to further fix and determine punishment for high treason. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Ford offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the portion of the Governor's message upon subjects properly belonging to the standing committees be referred to them respectively with instructions to report by bill or otherwise." Adopted.

Mr. Guinn offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the documents accompanying the Governor's message be referred as follows:⁶

"Report of Adjutant General to Committee on Military Affairs.

"Report of Financial Agent and Superintendent of Penitentiary to Committee on Penitentiary.

⁶ Only the reports of the Secretary of State can be located. These are printed in Appendix II.

"Report of Secretary of State, Superintendent of Lunatic Asylum, Correspondence of Governors West of Mississippi River to Committee on State Affairs." Adopted.

On Mr. Guinn's motion the Secretary was authorized to employ a porter at an expense not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents per day.

The following communication from the Secretary was read:

Austin, February 5, 1863

Honorable J. M. Crockett,

President of the Senate.

I beg leave to report that in pursuance of the resolution of the Honorable Senate, I took charge of the Senate Chamber during the recess, and I hope the Senators will be satisfied with the manner in which I performed the trust.

I would respectfully call the attention of the Honorable Senate to the fact that, in the press appropriated for the papers belonging to the Senate, are the papers belonging to the Senatorial branch of the Congress of the late republic; some of which have not been printed and some of those that have been printed are not now to be had. I would respectfully suggest that the Honorable Senate order these papers to be delivered to the Secretary of State for safe keeping, forming, as they do, an important part of the early history of the country and they are not very safe where they are. I would also respectfully inform the Senate that there is but a limited supply of stationery on hand, but enough I believe with strict economy to last this session.

The roof of the Capitol is even in worse condition than it was during the last session as the members who sit on the west side of the House will find whenever it rains. All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. De Cordova

Secretary of Senate

So much thereof as relates to the Archives was referred to the Committee on State Affairs and so much as relates to the Capitol building to Committee on Public Buildings.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The resolution offered by Mr. Guinn on yesterday relative to legislation on private or local matters was read. Mr. Lea moved to strike out "local." Carried.

Mr. Hartley offered the following substitute: “**Resolved**, That the Senate will not act on any private bill without the consent of three-fourths of the members present.” Accepted and adopted.

Joint resolution tendering the thanks of the people of Texas to our officers and soldiers. Read 2nd time and on Mr. Harcourt’s motion further consideration was postponed until tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Harcourt the report of the Judiciary Committee on a Bill to authorize the Supreme Court of the Galveston District to hold its spring term at the city of Austin was taken up. Bill read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Cook, Dickson, Durant, Ford, Guinn, Harcourt, Lea, Maxey, Moore of Davis, Moore of Bastrop, Reed, and White—12.

Nays—Messrs. Andres, Beasley, Boyd, Burney, Cooper, Hartley, Lair, Quayle, Selman, Shepard, Weatherford, and Wheeler,—12.

The President voted yea.

The following Committees were announced by the President:

Judiciary

Messrs. Harcourt, Hartley, Casey, Houston, Mitchell, Wheeler, Ford, Parsons, Guinn, Selman, Jordan, Maxey, White, and Cooper.

Finance

Messrs. Lea, Boyd, Weatherford, Moore of Davis, Andres, Hartley, Parsons, Ford, and Shepard.

State Affairs

Messrs. Hartley, Shepard, Boyd, Moore of Bastrop, Lea, Harcourt, Weatherford, Quayle, and Maxey.

Public Lands

Messrs. Burney, Batte, Reed, White, Crawford, Cook, Lea, Dickson, and Lair.

Confederate Relations

Messrs. Durant, Dickson, Guinn, Cooper, Lea, Harcourt, Cook, Moore of Bastrop, and Reed.

Agriculture

Messrs. Batte, Moore of Bastrop, Burney, Dickson, and Ford.

Penitentiary

Messrs. Jordan, Graham, Cooper, Parsons, Reed, and Burney.

Internal Improvements

Messrs. Parsons, Moore of Bastrop, Lea, Shepard, Crawford, Hartley, Moore of Davis, Casey, and Graham.

Private Land Claims

Messrs. Weatherford, Houston, Mitchell, Guinn, Dickson, White, Selman, [and] Harcourt.

Privileges and Elections

Messrs. Selman, Durant, Batte, Andres, Quayle, Burney, [and] Moore of Bastrop.

Counties and County Boundaries

Messrs. Reed, Weatherford, Burney, Wheeler, and Ford.

Roads, Bridges, and Ferries

Messrs. Boyd, Crawford, Moore of Davis, Shepard, and Ford.

Claims and Accounts

Messrs. Guinn, Mitchell, Quayle, Casey, Jordan, White, [and] Moore of Davis.

Printing and Contingent Expenses

Messrs. Harcourt, Shepard, Durant, Parsons, Lair, and Maxey.

Engrossed Bills

Messrs. Casey, Houston, Andres, and Dickson.

Public Debt

Messrs. Mitchell, Dickson, Shepard, Weatherford, Batte, Guinn, Burney, and Maxey.

Enrolled Bills

Messrs. Ford, Selman, Wheeler, and Lair.



Leroy W. Cooper, District 11

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Treasurer's Books

Messrs. Selman, Shepard, Burney, Ford, Guinn, and Dickson.

General Land Office

Messrs. Burney, Quayle, Cook, Moore of Davis, Lair.

Military Affairs

Messrs. Casey, Boyd, Jordan, Ford, Houston, White, Dickson, Cooper, and Cook.

Education

Messrs. Dickson, Casey, White, Mitchell, [and] Andres.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Saturday, February 7, 1863

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present. The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported a Bill to authorize the Supreme Court for the Galveston District to hold its spring term at the city of Austin. Correctly engrossed.

Mr. Lair introduced a Joint Resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in the Confederate States Congress to use their influence for the repeal of the exemption law. Read 1st time.

Mr. Harcourt introduced a bill to provide for the organization of State Troops. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Durant introduced a Bill requiring the Adjutant General of the State to procure and keep a correct roll of all persons who may have served in the Confederate States or State Army during the present war. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

A message was received from the House announcing that Messrs. Holland of Grimes, Williams, Todd, Broaddus, and McCoy had been appointed a committee to act in conjunction with a like committee on the part of the Senate to examine into the acts of the Military Board. Messrs. Dickson, Grimes, and Casey were appointed on the part of the Senate.